

**WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, August 8, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Chairman Spence called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Spence were Board members Messrs. Edwards, Hertzler, Lane and Quarles. Board member Klee was absent. Staff members present were Deputy Planning Director Murphy, Zoning Administrator Rhodes and Secretary Scott.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Spence explained the consent agenda procedure to the audience stating that if an application is in full compliance with the ***Design Review Guidelines***, it is placed on the consent agenda. If no member of the Board has any question regarding the application and concurs that it is in full compliance with the *Guidelines*, the audience is asked if they are present to discuss any case on the Consent Agenda. If there is no one in the audience present to discuss any item on the Consent Agenda, those applications are approved as submitted and the applicants dismissed without further discussion.

Applications on tonight's Consent Agenda:

- ARB #06-077 Village Green Homeowners/1184 Jamestown Road – Exterior Change (replace wood with synthetic material)
- SIGN #06-026 Ripley's Believe It or Not Theatre & Museum/1735 Richmond Road – Monument Sign
- SIGN #06-043 Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance/421 N. Boundary Street – Freestanding Sign
- SIGN #06-046 Williamsburg United Methodist Church/500 Jamestown Road – Freestanding Sign

There being no questions or comments from the Board or the audience about the Consent Agenda cases, Mr. Spence moved that they be approved with staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hertzler and carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Spence, Hertzler, Lane, Quarles
Nay:	None
Absent:	Klee

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

**ARB #06-076 Kalomiris/503 Richmond Road – Exterior Change (stairs) –
Approved with Conditions**

In response to Mr. Hertzler's question of why the need for an exterior staircase, Mr. Kalomiris, owner, stated he would like to have the exterior staircase to allow for a quick exit from the second or third floors and patio over the existing first floor room if necessary.

Board comments & applicant's responses in **bold** included:

- Either latticework or plants need to be installed to hide the undercarriage of the staircase. **This is no problem; shrubs that will grow to 6-8' will be planted.**
- If the stairs are to be used for a fire escape, shouldn't they be aluminum rather than wood? **The wooden product to be used is okay for an hour or more.**
- Will the staircase be painted? **After a six month period the staircase will be painted white.**

Mr. Spence moved that the request be approved with the conditions that the entire staircase structure be painted white after the six-month curing period and that additional plant material be installed to screen the staircase.

Mr. Quarles seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 4-1.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Spence, Lane, Quarles
Nay:	Hertzler
Absent:	Klee

CORRIDOR PROTECTION DISTRICT

**ARB #06-072 Ripley's Believe It or Not/1735 Richmond Road – Color Change –
Approved with Conditions**

Owner Ed Wideman, and local manager Scott Hardin, were present with pictures of a number of businesses along Richmond Road with cornices of different color for accent. Mr. Wideman asked that the Board reconsider their decision to deny their request to paint the cornices *Raleigh Tavern Chinese Red*, and noted that Ripley's is set back from the road at least one-third further than the other businesses and needs an accent color to catch the eye.

Board members comments:

- The pictures of other businesses along Richmond Road meant to demonstrate the use of a bright accent color, are not in the city limits, but in either York County or James City County.

- Concern with the red across the top of the building --- not sure it would be attractive.
- The red around the top might better tie-in with the shutters.
- It's a delicate balance – conservative Williamsburg and the wilder Ripley's hodge-podge of colors and shapes. Concerned about the bright red color accentuating it even more.
- Maybe red should not be used at all?

Mrs. Murphy suggested the Board consider another color off the color palette, *Palace Arms Red* which is a toned-down, darker, browner red. Applicant, Mr. Wideman, said he'll go with whatever color the Board prefers.

Mr. Spence moved that everything on the building that is proposed to be red, be painted *Palace Arms Red*.

Mr. Edwards seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Spence, Lane, Quarles, Hertzler
Nay:	None
Absent:	Klee

SIGNS

SIGN #06-044 Remax Center/1166 Jamestown Road – Monument Sign (face change) – Approved

Mrs. Murphy noted that although there was no representative present, the applicant has agreed to use red and blue shades as the new Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance sign. The sign will not be illuminated and the frame will be changed from green to black.

Mr. Hertzler moved that the sign be approved using the colors as noted by Mrs. Murphy. Mr. Spence seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Spence, Lane, Quarles, Hertzler
Nay:	None
Absent:	Klee

SIGN #06-045 Three Olives Greek Restaurant/1203 Richmond Road – Monument and Building Mounted Signs – Approved

Jason Hill, Fine Signs and Graphics, said the applicant is changing the name of the restaurant from previously approved *Amalia's Restaurant* to *Three Olives Greek Restaurant*. The sign is to be a light navy background with burgundy, dark green and

white lettering. He agreed to make the background opaque in response to Mrs. Murphy's recommendation.

Board members noted the contrasting color of the awnings that remain blue from *Amalia's Restaurant*.

Mr. Hertzler moved that the sign be approved on the condition that the background be opaque. Mr. Lane seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Spence, Lane, Quarles, Hertzler
Nay:	None
Absent:	Klee

OTHER

Minutes for July 25, 2006

The minutes for the July 25, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted viva voce.

APVA Preservation Conference

Mrs. Murphy introduced Camille Bowman, representing the State Historic Resources Office who gave additional information regarding the APVA Preservation Conference. The conference will be September 24-26, 2006 in Williamsburg & Historic Jamestowne, and will serve as part of the training requirement for the Board. There will also be a workshop on restoration techniques and traditional building trades held at Bacon's Castle in Surry County September 22-24. Mrs. Murphy distributed the necessary information for registration and encourages all members of the Board to attend both sessions. She asked that Board members let her know if they will be able to attend.

New Zoning Administrator

Mrs. Murphy introduced Rod Rhodes, who is the new Zoning Administrator for the City. She said among Mr. Rhodes' responsibilities will be attending ARB meetings in her absence whenever the need arises in the future.

Appeal of ARB Decision

Mrs. Murphy announced that the denial of ARB #06-067, Thomas Mahone, 504 Capitol Landing Road which was a request for window replacement and Texcote, is being appealed to City Council.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Dee Scott
Secretary